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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 22 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	1444th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 11 a.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade [94 (a)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.39

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [94 (d)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.8 and L.37

3. Environment and sustainable development: Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa [95 (e)]

A/C.2/55/L.14 and L.34

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Mauricio Escanero (Mexico), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.2 (item 92 (e))

* Following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [126] (A/55/436, A/55/469 and A/C.5/55/23)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the misdirection of Member States' contributions to the UNEP Trust Fund account (A/55/353)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (A/55/443 and Corr.1 and A/55/531))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (United Nations common system (A/55/30, A/54/483 and A/55/526))

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	36th meeting	General Assembly Hall

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.17

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft reports

2. Executive session on the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR). Request for a subvention to the UNIDIR resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2001

3. Executive session on the revised estimates under section 7, International Court of Justice; section 32, Staff assessment; and income section 1, Income from staff assessment

4. Executive session on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the ICSC

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE HIGH-LEVEL INTERGOVERNMENTAL EVENT ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed first substantive session

3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Preparation for the substantive preparatory process and the high-level international event [2]

   Action on draft proposal A/AC.257/L.4

2. Draft Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee

3. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee (A/AC.257/L.3 and Add.1)

4. Closure of the first session of the Preparatory Committee

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE IN THE TEACHING, STUDY, DISSEMINATION AND WIDER APPRECIATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Thirty-fifth session

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

[The membership of the Committee is as follows: Canada, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Portugal, Russian Federation, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States and Uruguay.]

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 2

Human rights [14]

Report of the fifth special session of the Commission on Human Rights (E/2000/112-E/CN.4/S-5/5 and E/2000/112/Add.1-E/CN.4/S-5/5/Add.1)

SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 22 November 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room D: A/C.2/55/L.12 (item 94 (e)) and A/C.2/55/L.13 (item 94 (e)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/55/L.21 (item 95 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.30 (point 95 (d)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/55/L.24 (item 97), from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.;

Conference Room A: A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.22 (item 93 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room 7: A/C.2/55/L.28 (item 92 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., and A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 22 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

Announcement

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 22 November 2000

ARAB GROUP

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

12 noon- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.- 2. 45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 92 (e) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries) (A/C.2/55/L.2))

2 p.m.- 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environmental issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), organized by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union, will take place *today*, 22 November 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on draft resolution A/55/L.32 under agenda item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new and restored democracies) *today*, 22 November 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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Briefing

An informal briefing by the Executive Coordinator on the progress of preparation of the Secretary-General policy report to the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held *today*, 22 November 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Briefing

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Committee) *today*, 22 November 2000, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

ng to Member States on the United Nations Security Management System (UNSAS) *today*, 22 November 2000, from 4.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on a draft resolution on strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held *today*, 22 November 2000, in the afternoon* in Conference Room 8.

* Following the adjournment of the informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg).

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Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 47 (Assistance in mine action) will be held *today*, 22 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B, and on Monday, 27 November 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution A/55/L.32 under agenda item 39 (Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new and restored democracies) will be held *today*, 22 November 2000, from 6.15 p.m. to 12 midnight in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Thursday, 2 November 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Netherlands Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/netherlands.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Thursday, 23 November 2000, *official holiday*.]

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 November 2000, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and Observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to Room S-3350 at United Nations Headquarters.

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will be displayed at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building from Wednesday, 29 November to Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

The formal opening of the exhibit is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 November 2000, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of Films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two films entitled "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds". Both films will be shown on Wednesday, 29 November, at 1 p.m., in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and at the exhibit area, throughout the duration of the exhibit.

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The 2nd meeting of the Credentials Committee will be held on Monday, 4 December 2000, at 10 a.m. Delegations that have not submitted credentials are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC), established under Security Council resolution 1284 (1999) of 17 December 1999, will hold its third plenary meeting on Monday, 27 November, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, and on Tuesday, 28 and Wednesday, 29 November 2000, at 10 a.m.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and racial discrimination. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate

The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing their annual Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The workshop to be conducted in English will be held on the following dates: Monday, 27 November from 2.30 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 28 November from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 29 November from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all States that will be Members of the Security Council in 2001. The registration deadline is *today*, 22 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 29 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9684).

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There will be a meeting of police contributors to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH), and the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET) on Friday, 1 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hedi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Operations, Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 20 November 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

69th plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 65, 66 and 67, 68 to 81.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/55/551) [65]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee on agenda item 65 (A/55/551).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Development of good-neighbourly relations among Balkan States, maintenance of international security: report of the First Committee (A/55/552) [66 and 67]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/552) (resolution 55/27).

The representative of Yugoslavia made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda items 66 and 67.

Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/55/554) [68]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/554) (resolution 55/28).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/55/555) [69]

By 97 votes to 46, with 21 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/555) (resolution 55/29).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/55/556) [70]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/556) (resolution 55/30).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/55/557) [71]

By 111 votes to 0, with 54 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/557) (resolution 55/31).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/55/558) [72]

By 163 votes to 0, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/558) (resolution 55/32).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/55/559) [73]

The Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A to Y recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 77 of its report (A/55/559).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 A)	97	0	65
Draft resolution B (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 B)	88	5	66
Draft resolution C Fifteenth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	160	3	1
Draft resolution C Operative paragraph 16 (recorded vote)	161	0	4

Draft resolution C as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 C)	154	3	8
Draft resolution D (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 D)	163	1	3
Draft resolution E (resolution 55/33 E)	adopted		
Draft resolution F (resolution 55/33 F)	adopted		
Draft resolution G (resolution 55/33 G)	adopted		
Draft resolution H (resolution 55/33 H)	adopted		
Draft resolution I Operative paragraph 3 (the words "and South Asia") (recorded vote)	152	1	10
Draft resolution I Operative paragraph 3 (as a whole) (recorded vote)	155	1	9
Draft resolution I as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 I)	159	4	5
Draft resolution J (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 J)	163	0	5
Draft resolution K (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 K)	165	0	4
Draft resolution L (resolution 55/33 L)	adopted		
Draft resolution M (resolution 55/33 M)	adopted		
Draft resolution N (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 N)	110	45	14
Draft resolution O (resolution 55/33 O)	adopted		
Draft resolution P (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 P)	163	1	1
Draft resolution Q (resolution 55/33 Q)	adopted		
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 8 (recorded vote)	150	2	10
Draft resolution R as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 R)	155	1	12
Draft resolution S (resolution 55/33 S)	adopted		
Draft resolution T Operative paragraph 9 (recorded vote)	150	2	15
Draft resolution T as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 T)	109	39	20
Draft resolution U Fifth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	149	2	10
Draft resolution U Operative paragraph 2 (recorded vote)	147	3	11
Draft resolution U Operative paragraph 5 (b) (recorded vote)	147	3	13
Draft resolution U Operative paragraph 7 (recorded vote)	144	0	17
Draft resolution U as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 U)	149	0	16
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 V)	143	0	22
Draft resolution W (resolution 55/33 W)	adopted		
Draft resolution X Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	162	4	1
Draft resolution X as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/33 X)	119	28	22
Draft resolution Y (resolution 55/33 Y)	adopted		

The representative of Djibouti made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 78 of its same report (A/55/559).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Mongolia and Japan.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 73.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/55/560) [74]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A to H recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 23 of its report (A/55/560).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (resolution 55/34 A)		adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 55/34 B)		adopted	
Draft resolution C (resolution 55/34 C)		adopted	
Draft resolution D (resolution 55/34 D)		adopted	
Draft resolution E (resolution 55/34 E)		adopted	
Draft resolution F (resolution 55/34 F)		adopted	
Draft resolution G (recorded vote) (resolution 55/34 G)	109	43	16
Draft resolution H (resolution 55/34 H)		adopted	

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/55/561) [75]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A to C recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/55/561).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A (resolution 55/35 A)		adopted	
Draft resolution B (resolution 55/35 B)		adopted	
Draft resolution C (resolution 55/35 C)		adopted	

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/55/562) [76]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/55/562).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Sixth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	158	2	5
Draft resolution as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 55/36)	157	3	8

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/55/563) [77]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/563) (resolution 55/37).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/55/564) [78]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/564) (resolution 55/38).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/55/565) [79]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/565) (resolution 55/39).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/55/566) [80]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/566) (resolution 55/40).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/55/567) [81]

By 161 votes to 0, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/567) (resolution 55/41).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the First Committee.

Special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children: draft resolution (A/55/L.34/Rev.1) [42]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 42.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.34/Rev.1 (resolution 55/26).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 42.

Tuesday, 21 November 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4229th meeting

International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991

International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Judge Claude Jorda, President of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991, Judge Navanethem Pillay, President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994, and Ms. Carla Del Ponte, Prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the former Yugoslavia since 1991 and of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by the President of the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the Prosecutor of the International Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Bangladesh, France, Canada, the United Kingdom, Argentina, the Russian Federation, Malaysia, China, Jamaica, Ukraine, Mali, Namibia and Tunisia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Netherlands.

The Prosecutor and the Presidents of the Tribunals provided clarifications in response to the comments and questions by members of the Council.

4230th meeting

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2000/34).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

70th plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization [28]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/122)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.22/Rev.1)

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.22/Rev.1.

The Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.22/Rev.1 (resolution 55/42).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 28.

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [39]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/489 and A/55/520)

(b) Draft resolution (A/55/L.32)

The representative of Romania made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.32.

The representative of Benin made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.32.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Ukraine, Belarus, Mongolia, Yemen, the United States, the Republic of Korea, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Mali, Cuba, the Philippines, Nigeria, Nepal, Indonesia and Norway.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978 and decision 53/453 of 18 December 1998, the observer for the International Organization of La Francophonie made a statement.

The President informed the Assembly that at the request of the sponsors of draft resolution A/55/L.32, action on the draft resolution was postponed until Monday, 27 November 2000 as the first item.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 30th meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [126]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the annual report of that Office (A/55/436) and the other related reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/469 and A/C.5/55/23).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to set 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 21 November, as the deadline for the closure of the list of speakers on agenda item 126.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Norway) and the Russian Federation.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to a question raised.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the investigation into the misdirection of Member States' contributions to the UNEP Trust Fund account

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report of that Office (A/55/353).

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [133]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/55/477).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/624).

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Norway) and India.

The Controller made a statement.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would be announced at a later

date, under the chairmanship of the Rapporteur of the Committee, Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement regarding the list of items/issues that are before the Committee and that would require action by the Fifth Committee during the main part of the fifty-fifth session.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Mexico, Egypt, the Philippines, France (on behalf of the European Union), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Canada, China, the United States, Côte d'Ivoire, Japan and New Zealand.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed, that the Chairman of the Fifth Committee address a letter to the President of the General Assembly requesting an extension of the work of the Fifth Committee until Wednesday, 20 December.

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 34th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

The Chairman spoke.

35th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [164]

The Chairman spoke.

The representative of Canada, as coordinator of draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.17 made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE — 254th meeting

Consideration of the draft resolutions on the question of Palestine

The Chairman introduced draft resolutions on the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Division for Palestinian Rights, the Special information programme on the question of Palestine and on Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine.

The representatives of Qatar and India made statements.

The Committee approved the draft resolutions.

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-fifth session
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TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2000

450th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Guatemala (CAT/C/49/Add.2). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

The Committee adopted its concluding observations relating to the second periodic report of Australia.

451st meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee presented its concluding observations on Australia.

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Cameroon (CAT/C/17/Add.22). Representatives of State party replied to the questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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68th and 69th meetings

Consideration of State party reports [6]

The Committee considered the issue of Yugoslavia, in light of the request for postponement of the consideration of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The Committee decided to assist the State party in the preparation of a new report by the new Government, which is due on June 30, 2002.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Ratification: United States of America (17 November 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Approval: European Community (17 November 2000)*

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Signature: Congo (21 November 2000)

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Convention and Protocols are scheduled to be open for signature to all States, and by regional economic integration organizations provided that at least one Member State of such organization has signed this Convention and these Protocols, from 12 to 15 December 2000 at the Palazzi di Giustizia in Palermo, Italy and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 12 December 2002, in accordance with article 26 of the Convention and articles 1 of the Protocols. In order to become a Party to the Protocols, a State or regional economic integration organization must also be a Party to the Convention, in accordance with article 37 of the Convention.

Consistent with the current practice, delegations intending to sign the Convention and Protocols are advised to submit for legal verification, where necessary, copies of full powers in advance of the signature event to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Secretariat, Room S-3200C, New York, NY. 10017, (fax No. (212) 963-3693). Originals of full powers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat in Palermo, Italy.

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